

William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy. **Page S4228**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—126) **Pages S4083, S4084, S4085, S4088, S4093**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007, and adjourned pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103, at 6:22 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4227.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chief of

Naval Operations, both of the United States Navy; and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 521, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heany Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse";

S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse";

S. 992, to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, with amendments;

S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965;

A bill entitled "The Water Resources Development Act of 2007"; and

The nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence In National Environmental Policy Foundation.

### CLEAN ENERGY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine clean energy from the margins to the mainstream, focusing on promoting the widespread use of clean renewable power and the Production Tax Credit which was to spur its development, after receiving testimony from John Bruton, European Commission, Washington, D.C.; John Krenicki, Jr., General Electric Energy, Atlanta, Georgia; Todd Raba, MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, Iowa; Johan van't Hof, Tonbridge Corporation, Ontario, Canada; and Ryan H. Wiser, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California.

### IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on United States policy towards Iran, after receiving testimony from

R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

### AGENCIES' IMPROPER PAYMENTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine eliminating and recovering improper payments, focusing on the Office of Management and Budget report entitled "Improving the Accuracy and Integrity of Improper Payments", including trends in agencies' reporting under the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, from fiscal years 2004 through 2006, challenges in reporting improper payment information and improving internal control, and agencies' reporting of recovery auditing efforts, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; John W. Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David M. Norquist, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Timothy B. Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Terry Bowie, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Lee White, PRG-Schultz International, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

### INDIAN TRUST FUND LITIGATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian trust fund liti-

gation, focusing on settlement legislation relative to pending and potential claims by individual Indians and tribes, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior; William W. Mercer, Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; John Bickerman, Bickerman Dispute Resolution, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; William Martin, Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Elouise C. Cobell, Browning, Montana.

### UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held a hearing to examine Department of Justice hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, receiving testimony from D. Kyle Sampson, former Chief of Staff to the Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 163, to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 102 public bills, H.R. 1752–1853; 1 private bill, H.R. 1854; and 21 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; H. Con. Res. 103–110; and H. Res. 283–294, were introduced. **Pages H3356–62**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3362–64**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors

of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–80);

H.R. 518, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada (H. Rept. 110–81); and

H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (H. Rept. 110–28, Pt. 3).

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